

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 7 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

The LFF1 strain of the genus *Thraustochytrium* of the present invention was deposited as of December 17, 2002, at the International Patent Organism Depository of the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (IPOD) (Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1-1 Higashi, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan) under the accession number FERM P-19159. FERM P-19159 was transferred to an international deposit under the accession number FERM BP-08568 on December 10, 2003. The complete taxonomic description of the deposited microorganism is as follows: *Chromista, Labyrinthulales, Thraustochytriaceae, Thraustochytrium*. The deposited material has been accepted for deposit under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the purpose of Patent Procedure. All restrictions on the availability to the public of the material so deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent.